

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION NO. <b>10/618,253</b>	§	ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>23792.3</b>
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INVENTOR: <b>Hector Mark Estrada, Jr.</b>	§	EXAMINER: <b>P. Philogense</b>
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TITLE: <b>Radiolucent Long Bone Fixator Ring</b>	§	GROUP ART UNIT: <b>3733</b>
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FILING DATE: <b>July 11, 2003</b>	§	
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant hereby timely responds to the Final Office Action dated March 29, 2006 as follows.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), a Petition for Extension of Time to and including September 29, 2006, is filed contemporaneously herewith along with the requisite fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

The **declaration** of Hector Mark Estrada, Jr. under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (“Estrada Declaration” or “Estrada Decl.”) including Exhibits A, B and C attached thereto is attached following page 10 of this paper.